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SUBJECT: FRG DEMARCHE IN THE HAGUE

REF: USNATO 4917

1. A FONOFF NATO DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ADVISED US
ON SEPT. 12 THAT THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN THE HAGUE HAD
PRESENTED A DEMARCHE ON SEPT. 11 EXPRESSING GERMAN
CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPOSED NETHERLANDS NAVAL FORCE
REDUCTIONS. WE WERE INFORMED THE DEMARCHE WAS ALONG
THE LINES OF THE EARLIER US DEMARCHE. THE OFFICIAL
SAID THE DUTCH RESPONSE WAS "NOT VERY POSITIVE." THE

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DUTCH REFERRED TO THE UNFAVORABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION

WHICH REQUIRED THEM TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES.

2. THE OFFICIAL CONTINUED THAT THE FONOFF IS NOW THINK-
ING OF OTHER APPROACHES WHICH THE FRG MIGHT PURSUE TO
UNDERLINE THEIR CONCERN. HE SAID THE FONOFF MAY
SUGGEST THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TELEPHONE THE DUTCH
PRIME MINISTER TO REINFORCE THIS MESSAGE. ALSO, WE
WERE ADVISED THAT FONMIN GENSCHER AT THE EC-9 MEETING
IN VENICE INTENDED TO RAISE THE TOPIC WITH HIS DUTCH
COLLEAGUE ON THE MARGINS OF THE CONFERENCE. ONE OTHER
AVENUE OF APPROACH WHICH THE GERMANS ARE CONSIDERING
IS TO ASK THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE UPCOMING
NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY MEETING IN COPENHAGEN TO RAISE
THE ISSUE WITH THE DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ATTENDANCE.
(COMMENT: THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS REP. WAYNE L. HAYS
WILL LEAD THE US DELEGATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
TO SEEK HIS SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT.)
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